Unit #1 Title: Who Am I?

Lesson Title: An Apple A Day **Lesson:** 1 of 3

Grade Level: 3

Length of Lesson: 30 minutes

Missouri Comprehensive School Counseling Big Idea:

SE.1 Understanding self as an individual and as a member of diverse local and global communities.

Grade Level Expectation (GLE):

SE.1.C.03 Identify the personal characteristics needed to contribute to the classroom.

American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Mindsets & Behaviors:

Social/Emotional Development

Materials (include activity sheets and/ or supporting resources)

3 apples: 1 red, 1 green and 1 rotten

What Color Is Your Apple? worksheet

Poster with the outline of a tree and branches (counselor made)

Plain paper

Crayons (red, green and brown)

Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply)

X	Goal 1: Gather, analyze and apply information and ideas
	6. Discover and evaluate patterns and relationships in information, ideas and structures.
	Goal 2: Communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom
	Goal 3: Recognize and solve problems
X	Goal 4: Make decisions and act as responsible members of society
	3. Analyze the duties and responsibilities of individuals in societies.

This lesson supports the development of skills in the following academic content areas. Academic Content Area(s) Specific Skill(s)

X	Communication Arts	6. Participating in formal and informal presentations and discussions of issues and ideas.
	Mathematics	
X	Social Studies	6. Relationships of the individual and groups to institutions and cultural traditions.
	Science	
	Health/Physical Education	
	Fine Arts	

Enduring Life Skill(s)

X	Perseverance	X	Integrity	Problem Solving
	Courage		Compassion	Tolerance
X	Respect	X	Goal Setting	

Lesson Measurable Learning Objectives:

The student will determine positive and negative character traits from a list of fifteen character traits.

Lesson Formative Assessment (acceptable evidence):

Assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLEs. Assessment can be question answer, performance activity, etc.

Students will identify positive and negative character traits utilizing the What Color Is Your Apple? worksheet.

Lesson Preparation

Essential Questions:

How can you tell how someone feels about himself or herself?

Engagement (Hook): The teacher will display 3 apples—one red, one green and one with a rotten spot on it.

Procedures

Instructor Procedures/Instructional Strategies:	Student Involvement/Instructional Activities:
1. The counselor displays 3 apples and asks students to describe the apples: color, texture, stages of development, and effects of rotten apple on the others. Possible responses might include a rotten apple can cause the other apples to decompose more quickly.	1. Students describe apples.
2. Counselor distributes and explains the instructions on the worksheet, explaining any terms that the students may not be familiar with.	2. Students follow instructions.
3. The counselor instructs students to cut out the apples and glue them on the community tree (if red or green) poster picture. Students are to paste brown apples on the ground of the illustration.	3. Students cut out the apples and place them on the tree poster.
4. The counselor asks students to think of	4. Students brainstorm and write down other

other characteristics, which are important to	positive characteristics on the blank apples.
a classroom community. The counselor tells	Students add these apples to the tree.
students that they may make more apples if	
they can think of other qualities not already	
listed.	
5. The counselor tells students that the tree	5. Students use the completed poster as a
will be displayed all week and they need to	visual reminder.
be thinking of how the positive	
characteristics contribute to the class	
community.	
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Teacher Follow-Up Activities

Classroom teacher will display the tree prominently in the classroom and refer to it frequently regarding students displaying proactive behaviors.

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Counselor reflection notes (completed after the lesson)				

What Color Is Your Apple?

If the apple lists a quality that is helpful in the classroom, color it red. If the apple lists a quality that the classroom needs to improve on, color it green. If the apple lists a quality that hurts the classroom community, color it brown.

